

Appl. No. : 10/020,484
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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 26 and 29 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that these rejected claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, the Applicant amends the base Claim 19 to include the limitations of Claim 26 which is hereby cancelled. The Applicant also amends the base Claim 27 to include the limitation of Claim 29 and the intervening Claim 28. Claims 28 and 29 are hereby cancelled. Previously pending Claims 1-16 and 18 are also cancelled. The Applicant believes that the pending rejections of Claims 1-16, 18, 26, 28, and 29 are now moot.

The Applicant believes that the subject application is in a condition ready for allowance and respectfully requests prompt issuance of a notice of allowability. The Applicant believes that this paper is fully responsive to the objections and rejections made by the Examiner in the Office Action, however should there remain any further impediments to the allowance of this application that might be resolved by telephone conference the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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